

What is claimed is;

1. A blur correction apparatus comprising:

a blur correcting optical system constituting at least a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;

a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;

a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to hold the blur correcting optical system at a specific position over a required length of time starting at a specific time point.

2. A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the blur correcting optical system can freely move within the movable range in the blur correction disabled state.

3. A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein:

the specific time point is a photographing operation  
start point.

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4. A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein:

the specific time point is a time point at which the  
photographing apparatus is subjected to a shock.

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5. A blur correction apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein:

the time point at which the photographing apparatus is  
subjected to a shock is at least one of: a time point at which  
an flash device included in the photographing apparatus is  
15 deployed, a time point at which the focal length is changed  
by the photographic optical system, a time point at which a  
focusing operation is executed with the photographic optical  
system and a time point at which power to the photographing  
20 apparatus is turned on.

6. A blur correction apparatus comprising:

a blur correcting optical system constituting at least  
a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur  
25 occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing

apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;

5 a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;

a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state  
10 in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to move the blur correcting optical system to a position at which the optical axis of the photographic optical system and an optical  
15 axis of the blur correcting optical system are substantially aligned with each other at a start of a photographing operation and hold the blur correcting optical system at the position.

7. A photographing apparatus comprising:

20 a blur correction apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 6;

an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system;  
and

25 a recording processing unit that records the image

captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

8. A photographing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising:

5 a display unit that displays the image obtained through the photographic optical system.